

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The drawing sheet or sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure(s) 1-4 are being presented as new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet or sheets. The drawing Figure 1 has been amended. Appended to this amendment is an annotated copy of the previous drawing sheet which has been marked to show changes presented in the replacement sheet of the drawing.

The specific changes which have been made to Figure 1 are the addition of a dashed line dividing the left half of the drawing from the right half and the addition of the designation "Prior Art" under the left half of the drawing.

## REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of a Office Action dated April 4, 2007. In accordance with the PTO's request, Applicants are submitting amended formal drawings herewith. In addition, Applicants have made certain amendments to claims 1-6 to correct minor informalities. Specifically, Applicants have amended claims 1-6 to remove reference numerals and replace the phrase "characterized in that" with the term "wherein" in a manner consistent with U.S. patent practice.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

### **Drawings**

With this response, Applicants are submitting formal drawings which have been amended in a manner consistent with the PTO's suggestions on page 2 of the Office Action.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the PTO's indication, on page 2 of the Office Action, that claims 1-6 have been allowed.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for

such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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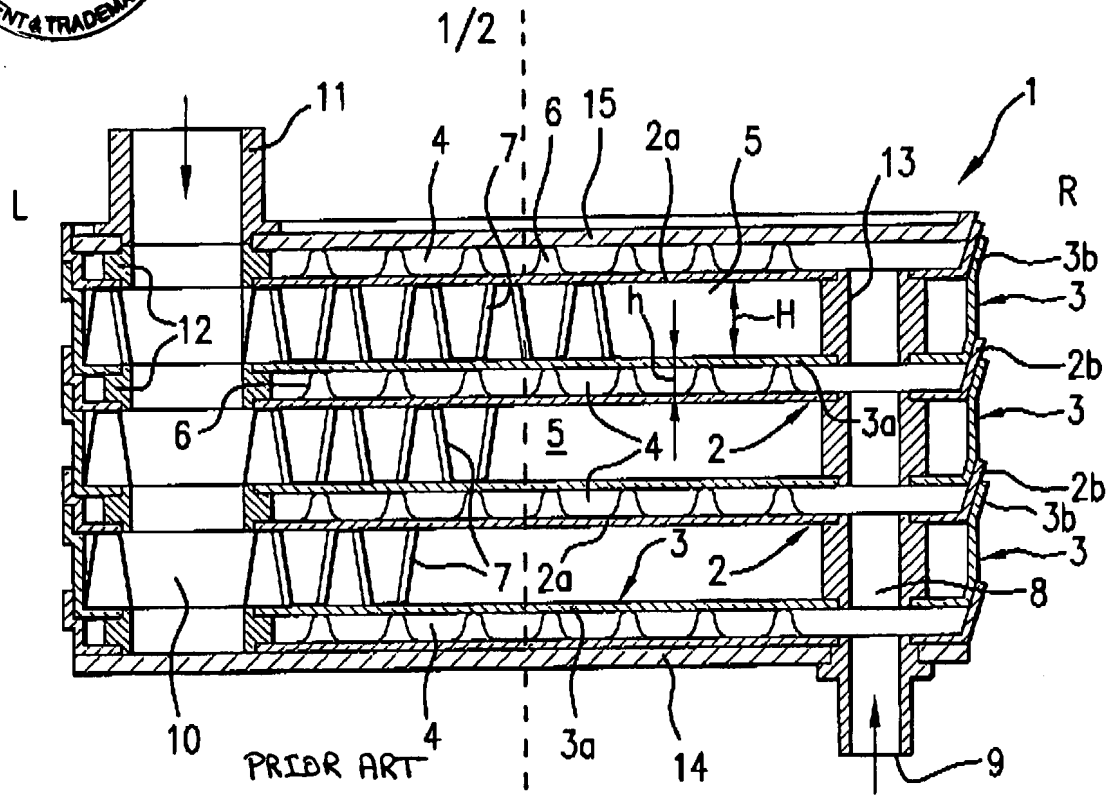


FIG. 1

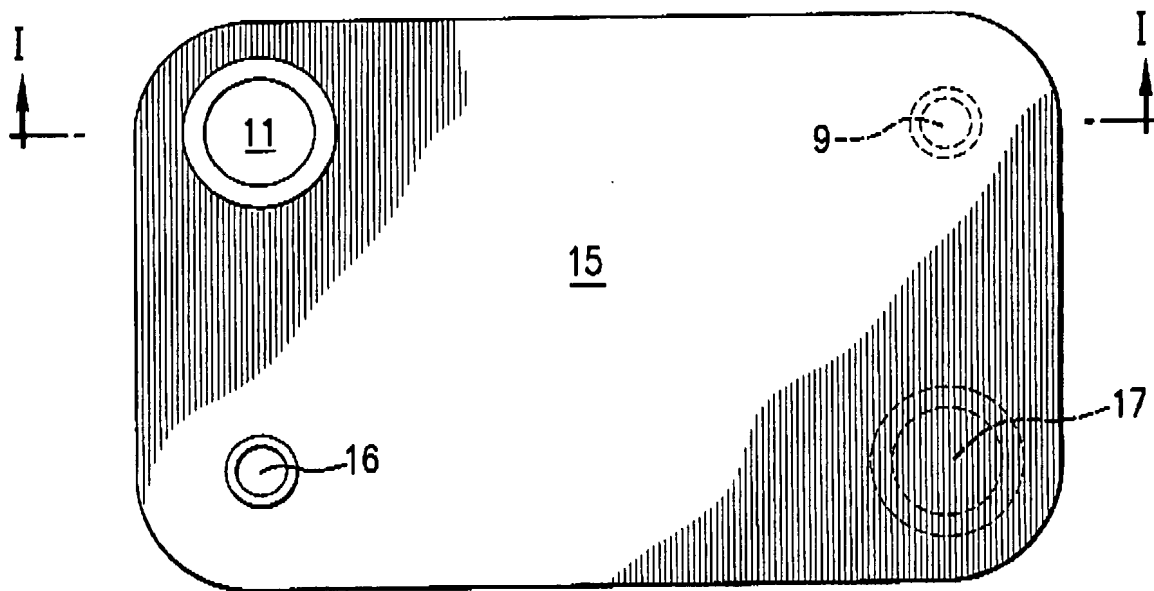


FIG. 2